

Head Quarters 114th New York Vols.
Camp Sheridan, Va Mch 29th ~~30th~~ 1865

Brother Harrison,

I rec'd your letter of the 27th Inst. this evening, and as you have not heard from me in some time I will answer it immediately. I rec'd your letter containing your photograph some time ago and have not answered it for the reason, that I wanted to get some pictures taken to send you one. I got some very poor ambrotypes taken yesterday, and I send you one such as it is. I wrote to mother last week and sent her fifteen dollars, please let me know when she gets it.

You got the wrong idea about our going with Sheridan. We still remain here in the same Camp, and I don't see any prospects of a move from this place right away. The old 19th Corps that we have always belong to is no more it, has been broken up, and we are going to be put into Hancock's Corps of Veterans. General Emory has been assigned to the Command of all the troops of in this Valley from Winchester to Harpers Ferry. We are having a pretty easy time of it here, or at least I am. We have about three inspections a week, and four hours drill a day, have had orders to drill once a day in heavy marching order but Col. Per(?) Lee can't hardly see "the point", they wear out one day with Knapsacks on and the Col. marched them out over a knoll out sight(?) of Brigade Hd. Qrs. and stacked ammo(?), and stayed there until the Recall was beat, the boys like him pretty well. You speak about going a fishing up in the north woods, if your health permits. I don't think you had better go this spring but wait *untill* next September and you will be better able to go, and I will go along with you. I don't think there would be any trouble about our camping out. When I go home I mean to take some shelter tents along with me if I can get them then.

I spoke to Homer about the letter in regard to your pension: he said he rec'd it and sent it back the same day signed.

Brown did not *recieve* any official notice of your being discharged *untill* yesterday, he sent to the Hospital to know why they had not sent it, they sent him notice of it at the time, but it was lost. You say you are attending writing schools. I see you have made some improvements already. I should like to be there to take lessons in writing first rate my self. Well there is no more news to ~~wri~~gh write. Write as often as you can. Give my love to all.

From your Affect. Brother,

John F. Brand

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